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TAGS: EMIN, ETRD, TU

SUBJ: TURKISH INTEREST IN GSA TIN

REF: STATE 218230

1. EMBOFF CALLED ON CEMIL SEVIN, DIRECTOR OF IMPORTS, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE. SEVIN EXPLAINED CONTACT WITH GSA INITIATED BY HIS MINISTRY HOPEFULLY TO ASSIST ETIBANK, STATE MINING CONCERN, IN PURCHASING TIN ON COMPETITIVE PRICE BASIS FROM GSA. INFO ON LONDON PRICES TO BE USED IN EVALUATING GSA PRICE AND PRESENT PRICE QUOTED BY TURKISH PRIVATE IMPORTERS.

2. SEVIN EXPLAINED THAT TURKEY IS ONE OF MANY COUNTRIES WEAKENED BY MANIPULATIONS OF WORLD MARKET IN TIN AND OTHER PRIMARY COMMODITIES BY METAL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES AND WORLD SPECULATORS. HE SEES POSSIBILITY OF GSA SALES ON WORLD MARKET TO COUNTRIES LIKE TURKEY AS NOT ONLY BENEFICIAL TO TURKEY BUT HAVING DIRECT IMPACT IN STABILIZING WORLD PRICES OF KEY COMMODITIES.

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3. SEVIN EXPLAINED TURKEY IMPORTS ABOUT 1,000 LT TINE

PER YEAR. MOST OF THIS IS IMPORTED BY PRIVATE SECTOR THROUGH SWISS SOURCES DEALING IN LONDON EXCHANGE. IN RECENT MONTHS IMPORTERS HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY SPECULATION-MINDED, CAUSING SERIOUS TEMPORARY DISLOCATIONS IN TURKISH MARKET. IF ETIBANK COULD PURCHASE UP TO 500 LT FROM GSA, GOT COULD BREAK LOCAL SPECULATIVE IMPASSE.

4. SEVIN DESIRES MORE INFORMATION ON PURCHASING PROCEDURES. SPECIFICALLY, CAN ETIBANK PURCHASE DIRECTLY FROM GSA OR IS AMERICAN COMPANY NECESSARY AS MIDDLEMAN. ETIBANK WOULD PREFER TO BUY DIRECT FROM GSA ON CONTINUING BASIS WITHIN GSA LIMITATIONS IF THIS PROCEDURE IS POSSIBLE.  
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